

PARDON AND AMNESTY REPUDIATED

Under the above as a subhead the American Register of the 6th ultimo makes the following statements:

"The Northern States, by a gradual process, abolished slavery. But the Southern States, in the exercise of their undoubted constitutional rights, chose to do so. And the Republican party, was organized in the Northern States in 1850, on the slavery question, and in its operations opposed the execution of the fugitive-slave law, encouraged the escape of the slaves into the free states, proclaimed a higher law than the constitution, and interfered directly and indirectly with the safety and tranquility of the people of the Southern States in their social and domestic affairs. And this interference, and the election of a President in 1860 on this anti-slavery agitation and platform, at variance with the constitutional rights of the people of the Southern States, as thought to be rebellion and war between the states."

The Northern States had the undoubted right, "by a gradual process" to abolish slavery within their limits. The Southern States, under the constitution, probably had the sanction of law for retaining slavery. But they did not have the sanction of any of the principles of Christian civilization. By retaining slavery they grossly violated those principles. The high Court of International public opinion indicted and charged that the pro-slavery party did, on or about the half century or more immediately preceding the Rebellion of 1861, at the Southern States wilfully, premeditatedly, and of malice aforethought deprive of liberty and the pursuit of happiness and expose to the markets to be bought and sold as property, a large number of human beings, to-wit: Several millions of people.

Said court further indicted and charged that the Southern States held these people in a state of abject slavery, and caused them to assist in keeping themselves in a condition of ignorance and servitude. Laws were passed making it an offense to teach a slave to read and write. And in appropriating to Congress representatives, who were to enact such laws as the one above mentioned, the Southern States were allowed to count three-fifths of their slave population.

To the act of Congress allowing the people of Missouri to form a State Constitution, Mr. Thomas, of Illinois, offered an amendment, which provided "that slavery should not exist in any part of the Louisiana Territory north of 36 and 30 minutes north latitude, and west of the proposed state of Missouri, or in any state to be formed out of said Territory."

This amendment was adopted, and Maine was admitted as a free state in 1820 and Missouri as a slave state in 1821. The anti-slavery party supposed this to be an amicable settlement between the states of the territory in which African slavery should and should not exist in the United States. But they were to be disappointed. In 1854 the discussion of the question was again opened with increased fury and with direful effect by the passage of the Kansas and Nebraska act, which repealed the act that forbade the existence of slavery in the states to be formed out of the Louisiana Territory. Stephen A. Douglas was the author of this Kansas and Nebraska act, and he and the pro-slavery party were responsible for its passage. There were now only two sources open for the anti-slavery party to pursue. They must surrender everything to their opponents or organize and defend what they believed to be right. They chose the latter course. The result was the organization of the Republican party in 1856 and the election of a Republican President in 1860.

If Alexander H. Stephens is to be relied upon as authority, it was only individuals or local communities that opposed the execution of the fugitive-slave law and encouraged slaves to escape into free states. The majority had always been true to Southern interest (speech at Milledgeville, Ga., 1850.) Every protection asked by the Southern States for their slave interest had been granted.

It was not the interference of the anti-slavery party with slavery in the Southern States that led to Rebellion and war between the states. "The pro-slavery party sought to extend slavery to the new states to be carved out of the great Northwest, or Louisiana Territory. To this, the desire, the anti-slavery party would not concede. This was, in brief, the real cause that led to the great rebellion, with the history of which our country is, by said experience, very familiar. The Southern States, on the principle of 'Rue or Ruin,' flew to arms and attempted to overthrow what Mr. Stephens, at that time and place above referred to, saw fit to characterize as 'the best and freest of all governments; the most equal in its rights, the most just in its decisions, the most lenient in its measures, and the most inspiring in its principles, to elevate the race of men, that the sun of heaven ever shone upon.'"

The tendency of all science is to establish the theory that the whole human race is of one blood—i.e., the unity of the human race. Now, if all the world would have been laid supine by and allowed the Southern States to go on buying and selling, trading and trafficking in a part of that race, a part of their own flesh and blood, as so many dumb brutes, "the best government the sun of heaven ever shone upon" would not have been, from 1861 to 1865, convulsed by a civil war greater in its results than any other known to the annals of human history.

Human slavery, and the amalgamation of the master with the slave, and the barrier and sale by the master of the product of that amalgamation—all of which occurred during those days of unpleasant memory—are and were crimes. They are crimes against the most sacred ties of humanity. They were crimes which in 1860 stood indicted by all the better civilization of Earth. They were crimes an thousand fold greater than the act of opposing African slavery.

MAITLAND AND VICINITY.

General health is good.

—W. C. Charles' wife is sick.

—Miss Art went to Mound City, Tuesday.

—Wm. Looker went to Oregon, Tuesday.

—There was a hat peddler in town, this week.

—T. P. Welch is here distributing fruit trees.

—Leader Thompson 'Rocks the cradle now' a girl.

—The weather is pretty fair again; may it only stay so.

—Miss Mate Enis has been sick, but is improving.

—There is talk of organizing a lodge, I. O. O. F., here.

—A. L. Williams was visiting in Rock Port, this week.

—Everett Weller's new residence is nearing completion.

—Ask Bud Sommers for his experience at Burlington Junction.

—The R. R. Co. have the rock here ready to fix their stock yards.

—Miss Privet's children were taken quite sick Tuesday evening.

—John Vanderlande returned from his trip to Chicago, last Saturday.

—W. E. Hoad came back from Burlington Junction, last Saturday.

—Alfred Moore has bought the residence now occupied by Wm. Robert.

—Mrs. D. P. Lewis and children spent Saturday and Sunday in Oregon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deman were visiting in St. Joseph, last week.

—Dr. Kalkrensky says he never did enjoy himself so well as he did last week.

—A surprise party in town last week, and two of our "bunches" surprised also.

—Charles Riley will finish the wood work on H. S. Carson's residence, this week.

—Mr. Wm. Robert has bought Mr. Libby's dwelling house and will move into it.

—Mrs. Springs, who has been visiting her sister in Nebraska, returned last week.

—Mrs. H. D. Smith is visiting in St. Joseph, and Harry is bacheling and looking jolly.

—Ike Owens was shaking hands with his many friends Saturday. Come again, Ike.

—The Masonic Hall is nearing completion, and will be soon open to the public.

—Mrs. Johnson being sick, the Christian church was without an organist last Sunday.

—Mr. Kelley's new building is almost ready for use; Mr. Spring's building is also nearing up.

—The colored population here is increasing quite rapidly. They drop in on us semi-occasionally.

—Robert Garton, of Pickering, was visiting his son, our operator and railroad agent, this week.

—Mr. Maude Vanderlande and Miss Wright, of St. Joseph, are visiting friends here, this week.

—Neal Silvers, our drayman, mashed his foot last Wednesday morning by letting a truck fall upon it.

—Mr. Moore will move into the house north of the Christian church. He talks of building in the spring.

—Trade is good. Maitland is the best town to sell or to buy in. If you don't believe it, come and see.

—Cal Payne is the best tumbler, and he teaches drummers who stop at the Commercial, the art free of charge.

—John Cooke and wife, from Ohio, have been visiting with Payette Cooke. They will locate in Burlington Junction.

—Theo. Polster, of Gallatin, Ohio, will start his cigar factory next week. His stock of tobacco reached here Tuesday.

—Standing near the bank corner, one can see work progressing on four business buildings, two brick and two frame.

—A brother and sister of L. D. Sommers, from Kansas City, arrived in Maitland last Friday to spend a few days with him.

—Bud Sommers' sister, Laura, returned to her home in Illinois last Monday. Bud accompanied her to Burlington Junction.

—Rev. Luther of the Presbyterian church was to have preached here last Sunday afternoon. The bell rang, but no preacher came.

—Mr. Libby's child is considerably better, and the little fellow is a far way to health under the care of our young M. D., Dr. Kalkrensky.

—Tom Curry, the genial, big-hearted, big-windowed Junior of the Southern, shook hands with the boys last week. Keep a cough often, Tom.

—Every carpenter, every painter, every mason, in fact, every man who is not too lazy to work, and has time, is at work on our new building.

—The grass below the fair ground caught fire from a train last Monday and caused some alarm, but it was extinguished by the section men without doing any harm.

—George H. Holt, who bought Libby's free store, has arrived and will soon take charge of the same. George is a whole-souled, jovial fellow, full of enterprise and business, and deserves success.

—J. E. Cummins was in town Wednesday. When we looked in at Herschberger & Lewis' store that evening and saw Jim, Charley Riley, Joe Garton, George A. whole-souled, jovial fellow, full of enterprise and business, and deserves success.

—While out in the timber hunting for squirrels last Wednesday morning, for his wife who is sick, Mr. J. H. Williams had his arm and hand badly mangled by the explosion of his gun. First-aid was given, but the hand was torn off. Dr. Maxwell went out to take charge of the case. We hope it will not prove so bad as reported.

—The following are the shipments for the past week: D. A. Gevin shipped three cars of hogs to Kansas City Wednesday; the first car of hogs to Chicago Thursday; the first car of hogs to St. Joseph Friday. The second car of hogs and one of cattle to Chicago, Saturday. Graham & Fraue have shipped five cars of apples, and P. L. Bohart one. The lumber men are doing a lively business. Reddick, Wm. & Co. have received five cars of lumber, and Finney, Williams & Co. three cars, last week.

—B. W. Dawson and family are about to leave Craig for the west.

—Bill Taylor has just finished a new house on his farm, occupied by M. Wineman.

—Wm. Davis has been entertaining his brother and family, who are on a visit here from Ohio.

—Joe Wise has purchased the forty-acre farm of J. N. Kountz; price, \$40 per acre. Mr. Kountz will move to Nebraska in the spring.

—B. Wise is so industriously taking care of his hogs and cattle, that he never gets time to exercise his leg to a horse, which is too dirty to be any use to him.

—Miss Gertrude Eddy is teaching the Bristol College School, Miss Annie Redmon the Mount Hope school and Miss Julia May the Star school. Wages per month, \$34 to \$36 per month each.

—We have two literary societies in this vicinity: one at Mount Hope, the other at Star school. It is unnecessary to say that orators are numerous; young statesmen are blossoming for broader fields of usefulness. A report of some of the discussions may be furnished in the near future.

—The small grain sowed in this vicinity is looking fine; crops are tolerably good; wheat was very fine, running from ten to thirty bushels per acre; corn will average about forty bushels per acre; potatoes almost a failure, except the early varieties; apples are plentiful, price from 20 to 30 cents per bushel.

—A good parlor cook stove for sale at a bargain. Apply at this office.

MOUND CITY.

J. R. Whetley is burning another brick kiln.

—Mr. Brant has moved into the Lincoln property.

—Mr. Brant contemplates opening his marble shop soon.

—Al Quinn now occupies a portion of Mrs. Lewis' house.

—Moto Dodge is putting a nice picket fence around his yard.

—Mr. J. R. Whetley has resided the Hall property and is now moving into it.

—The new pastor of the Christian church here, Mr. Clay, arrived Monday evening.

—George Gillis, Jr., has sold his farm four miles northeast of town to his brother, Robert.

—Mr. A. A. Howell's father, who lives in Iowa, was visiting him here a few days last week.

—John F. Davis and R. C. Glenn are attending district court at Hawatha, Kansas, this week.

—News just received from Mr. Ed Kerr, announces the continued improvement of his health.

—D. W. Porter left Monday for Poughkeepsie, New York, where he will attend commercial college.

—Mr. Hubbard, our county assessor, was here last Saturday, finishing up the assessment of our city.

—Mr. Groves has purchased about three and one-half acres of land of Mr. T. W. Metcay, near the Lewis property, and will build soon.

—Died, Sunday morning at his home, four miles north of Mound City, Mrs. James Brown, after an illness of long standing. She was buried, Monday, at the Mound City cemetery.

—The Wandering lecture was not largely attended last Friday night. It had been raining most of the evening, and continued to rain until about 9 o'clock P. M. Those, however, who attended, unite in saying that the lecture was the finest ever delivered here. We wish it could be repeated here sometime during the winter, so that all could hear it.

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